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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a small business competitiveness advisory
2 council.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 15.248 SMALL BUSINESS
1 2 COMPETITIVENESS ADVISORY COUNCIL.
1 3 1. ADVISORY COUNCIL ESTABLISHED. A small business
1 4 competitiveness advisory council is established within the
1 5 department for the purpose of identifying and examining
1 6 barriers to the creation and expansion of small businesses in
1 7 the state and making recommendations to the general assembly
1 8 and the governor for the elimination of those barriers and
1 9 enhancement of the business climate in the state for such
1 10 businesses.
1 11 2. MEMBERSHIP.
1 12 a. The advisory council shall be composed of nine voting
1 13 members including the following:
1 14 (1) The dean of the university of Iowa Tippie college of
1 15 business or a designee.
1 16 (2) Eight owners of small businesses in the state
1 17 appointed by the governor.
1 18 b. Members appointed by the governor are subject to
1 19 confirmation by the senate and shall serve four-year staggered
1 20 terms beginning on July 1 of the year of appointment. No
1 21 member appointed by the governor shall serve more than two
1 22 terms, including any portion of a term served pursuant to the
1 23 filling of a vacancy. The dean of the university of Iowa
1 24 Tippie college of business, or the dean's designee, shall
1 25 serve as the chairperson of the advisory council. A majority
1 26 of the voting members of the advisory council constitutes a
1 27 quorum. Members appointed by the governor are subject to the
1 28 requirements of sections 69.16, 69.16A, and 69.19. Members
1 29 appointed by the governor shall be reimbursed for actual and
1 30 necessary expenses incurred in performance of their duties.
1 31 Such members may also be eligible to receive compensation as
1 32 provided in section 7E.6.
1 33 3. MEETINGS == ANNUAL REPORT.
1 34 a. The advisory council shall hold a meeting quarterly
1 35 each year or more often as determined necessary by the
2 1 advisory council. No action taken by the advisory council
2 2 shall be valid unless agreed to by a majority of the advisory
2 3 council members.
2 4 b. The advisory council shall prepare an annual report of
2 5 its findings and recommendations which shall be transmitted to
2 6 the general assembly and to the governor by December 15 of
2 7 each year.
2 8 4. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this section:
2 9 a. "Eligible employee" means an employee who works on a
2 10 full-time basis and has a normal workweek of thirty or more
2 11 hours. "Eligible employee" includes a sole proprietor, a
2 12 partner of a partnership, and an independent contractor, if
2 13 the sole proprietor, partner, or independent contractor is
2 14 included as an employee under health insurance coverage of a
2 15 small business, does not include an employee who works on a
2 16 part-time, temporary, or substitute basis.
2 17 b. "Small business" means a business located in this state
2 18 which employs two hundred or fewer eligible employees.
2 19 EXPLANATION
2 20 This bill establishes a small business competitiveness

2 21 advisory council in the department of economic development for
2 22 the purpose of identifying and examining barriers to the
2 23 creation and expansion of small businesses in the state and
2 24 making recommendations to the general assembly and the
2 25 governor for the elimination of those barriers and enhancement
2 26 of the business climate in the state for such businesses.

2 27 The advisory council is composed of nine members including
2 28 the dean of the university of Iowa Tippie college of business,
2 29 or a designee, who shall chair the advisory council, and eight
2 30 owners of small businesses in the state.

2 31 The advisory council is required to meet at least quarterly
2 32 or more often as deemed necessary by its members and to
2 33 prepare an annual report of its findings and recommendations
2 34 for transmittal to the general assembly and the governor by
2 35 December 15 of each year.

3 1 For the purposes of the bill, a "small business" is a
3 2 business located in the state which employs 200 or fewer
3 3 eligible employees. An "eligible employee" is a full-time
3 4 employee who has a normal workweek of 30 or more hours and
3 5 does not work on a part-time, temporary, or substitute basis.

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